

The Auxvasse Confederate Reunion is to be held Aug. 22 and 23.

Wm. Frazier is visiting his brother, who is ill, at Toronto, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lucas, of Santa Fe, were shopping in Mexico last Saturday.

The Mexico Savings & Loan Association has re-elected the officers serving thru the past year.

Miss Minerva Pearson, of this city, is at Lexington, Mo., representing an Eastern publishing concern.

Miss Trix Plunkett and Miss Pauline Cauthorn, of this city, are visiting Mrs. Wallace Bruce, of Ft. Smith, Ark.

"Uncle Dave" Crockett, northeast of Mexico, had three ribs broken several weeks ago by a cow falling on him.

F. L. Crosby and family, who live south of Mexico, will leave next week in Mr. Crosby's auto for a trip to Colorado.

Clarence A. Barnes, as delegate from the ninth Congressional district, is attending the Republican convention in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Steele are entertaining their two grandchildren, Misses Mary and Mildred Clayton, of Webster Groves.

J. J. Bethel, late of this county, orders us to change the address for his Message from Greenburg, Kan., to Hannibal, Mo.

Mrs. Frank Powell, north of Laddonia, has been quite sick. Her brother, Joseph Rinaman, of Lincoln county, visited her recently.

Miss Lucy Roberts, of Hallsville, visited her cousin here a few days ago, Miss Ballew, the latter having lately been very ill of appendicitis.

Prof. Herbert Pryor, superintendent of the Mexico schools, is teaching History and Economics in the Normal at Cape Girardeau this summer.

The house belonging to Mrs. Littleton, on North Jefferson street, was bought at public auction last week by George Johnson for \$5,050.

Mrs. G. B. Gale and daughters, Naomi and Genevieve, of Farmington, and Mrs. Wm. Huff, of Moberly, are the guests of Mrs. W. W. Williams and sister, Mrs. J. W. Lee, of this city.

Mrs. T. B. Henderson, a sister of R. A. Fry of this city, while chasing some chickens last Friday at her home near Concord, Callaway county, fell and broke her leg.

Prof. H. J. Pryor, of Kennett, Mo., lately elected superintendent of the Mexico public schools, was here last Saturday making arrangements to move his family to our city.

Miss Ruth Durkee, Wm. Pollock and Ben Elliott, of this city, inspected the Carnegie Library Building last week in Louisiana, to get some ideas for the Mexico library building.

**A Glass in the Door**  
Of an oven is a fine thing, you can watch the biscuits turn brown. We sell this kind of ovens. Used on both gasoline and coal oil stoves.

Ferris & Cauthorn.

The following good friends have lately renewed for the Message: Val Erdel, Jr., W. C. Melahn, W. P. Denham, Miss Blanche White, R. L. McClure, J. P. Duncan, J. J. Wakefield, Theo. Hitz, and Gray Wilson.

## To My Farmer Friends

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## J. P. Powell

Implement and Harness House

Northeast Corner

On the Square

Miss Ethel Reed is visiting relatives in Slater. Miss Reed will go from Slater to Kansas City.

Drs. Will and Mae Botts, of Santa Fe, recently enjoyed a visit from their brother, Emmett Botts, a prominent business man of Mazatlan, Mexico.

Dr. W. H. Hickman, Osteopathic Physician, Pasqueth Bldg. 11.

Miss Edna Marie Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morris, of this city, graduated from Loretta Academy at Florissant, Mo., last week, in addition receiving the gold medal for proficiency in Christian Doctrine.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pickett, of this city, visited Mrs. Pickett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dry, near Rowena, a few days ago. All the children of Mr. and Mrs. Dry met in family reunion at the old home. All had not been together for 13 years.

Mason Creasey tells us that his father, J. R. Creasey, of Wortham, Texas, is in big luck lately. They bored for water within three blocks of him and struck a great flow of gas and oil. Great excitement now in the community of Wortham.

Mrs. Herman Butts, of Vandalia, underwent an operation for appendicitis in St. Louis last week. We learn that she is recovering all right. Mrs. Butts is a sister of Mrs. L. P. Austin of Mexico.

Mrs. B. M. Bush visited relatives at Montgomery City recently.

### SURROUNDING AUDRAIN.

There will be no Republican county ticket in Monroe county this year.

Paris has oiled her business streets. The oil is dry and hard after the second day and the dust problem is settled (no pun intended) for the season.

Miss Stella Pierce, of near Ortiz, Audrain county, has been employed by the Auxvasse school board as intermediate teacher for the coming term of eight months at a salary of \$60 a month.

The Rev. W. E. Brown, of Jamesport, has brought suit of \$2,000 against 6 boys and 3 girls who took the pastor's two hound dogs out and painted them green. This is a more cruel and unusual and uncalled for punishment than kicking, the Rev. Mr. Brown believes.

John Wallace, on the James T. Woolery farm, south of Fulton, who probably has the best upland crop of wheat in the Kingdom this season, has contracted his crop to S. R. Yantis the Fulton miller, at \$1 a bushel. Mr. Wallace has about 30 acres of grain and he expects a yield close to 20 bushels an acre.

During an electrical storm last Friday Mrs. Elsworth Clark, 40 years old, was killed at her near Buell by lightning. She was standing on the front porch with her three children, her aunt, Mrs. Marshall and the hired man when the bolt struck her breaking her neck. Mr. Clark had been to town on business and was on his road home. The others were not hurt.

Ran Kendall is in Durant, Okla., on business.

### SKINNER ITEMS.

Mr. Day of Mexico is visiting his son Harry and wife.

Mrs. Clara D. Snidow and daughters, Misses Ethel, Flenma and Fay, are the guests of C. R. Spurling and family since Saturday.

Ralph King is in Kansas City, the guest of his best girl.

Miss Sophia Yeager is visiting Boone Faddis and family.

Mrs. Susie Faddis and daughter, Miss Effie, are the guests of relatives and friends here this week.

The school board of Gatewood are in quest of an experienced school teacher. An eight months term at a good salary.

Despite the very inclement weather Saturday night last about 150 were present. Ten gallons of ice cream were disposed of. All the people the writer has spoken to are in favor of having it over at no distant date. There are a lot of people that want some ice cream and will have it somewhere.

The services at Liberty were attended by a good sized crowd Sunday. Rev. Edgar Herndon is pastor and is well liked by his people.

The many friends of T. J. Don Carlos and wife were greatly shocked on learning Sunday of their being killed in a storm near Liberty, Clay county, Saturday night, while the storm was raging there. Earnest sympathy extended to the bereaved ones.

F. L. Bruce was here from Kansas City Sunday, a week, the guest of relatives.

Jack Kennan is home from the University of Virginia. Jack looks extra well. The eastern climate agrees with him.

S. Allyn Troxell has leased to King Bros. & Co. of Columbia the offices formerly occupied by him but he has retained the rear room along with Mr. J. W. Woodruff as office room.

Mr. Troxell for the past six months has been securing options and listing farms for the head office in Springfield, Ill., and from now on he will devote the most of his time in bringing prospects to Audrain. He will spend a greater part of his time in Springfield and make one trip a week during season to Audrain. Within the past three weeks Mr. Troxell has made four trips to Illinois and back with buyers and reports good business for this time in the year.

### Music Recital.

The Young Ladies' Mission Circle of the Mexico Christian church will give a music recital this evening, at the church. The old favorites in song will be sung. The program will be as follows:

Piano solo—"Annie Laurie," Dot Wymore.  
Solo—"Flow Gently Sweet Afton," Mrs. Shullenberger.  
Reading—"Orphan Annie," Frances Pearl.  
Piano solo—"Nearer My God to Thee," Victoria Brooks.  
Solo—"The Hymns of the Old Church Choir," Margaret Clark.  
Quartet—"Sweet and Low," Misses Clark, Brooks, Saunders, and Jackson.  
Solo—"When You and I Were Young Maggie," Dennis Kelso.  
Piano Solo—"Sweet Bye and Bye," Frances Pearl.  
Reading—Selected, Dorothy Holmes.  
Piano Duet—"The Palms," Misses Worrell and Threlkeld.  
Solo—"Robin Adair," Victoria Brooks.  
Trio—"Ben Bolt," Mrs. Shullenberger, Misses Kelso and Wilson.  
Piano solo—"Home Sweet Home," Grace Dugan.

Circuit Court adjourned yesterday until next Monday. The petit jury has been discharged until July 1st, when some other court matters are to come up for trial.

### FARM AND LIVE STOCK.

John Smith, southeast of Mexico, has a fine drove of 150 Angora goats.

A. B. Weidler, southwest of Mexico, has a herd of 207 head of Angora goats.

J. E. Lanham, of High Hill, is feeding a drove of hogs for the July market.

Mrs. John Pate, of Laddonia, lost a mare and colt last Sunday, killed by lightning.

Johnson & Romans shipped a car of sheep from Benton City last Monday.

J. L. Hickman, of Gant, bought a load of corn in Centralia at 85 cents a bushel.

J. L. Hickman, of Gant, sold 14 hogs, averaging 140 pounds each, at \$7.25.

St. Clair Emmons, north of Molino, sold a team of work mules last week for \$400.

Charles Sellers, of Gant, bought 17 head of 90 pound shoats of Dennis Craighead at \$7.00.

Manuel Rediger, of High Hill, has a very fine mule colt for which he was offered \$125, but he refused the price.

Owen & McCarty, of Gant, delivered a load of hogs at Centralia for J. L. Hickman Tuesday of last week.

D. L. Rogers, northeast of Mexico, has one of the finest wheat fields we have seen; 30 acres, and it promises a good yield.

Tom Hook, northeast of Mexico, on Washington's Birthday, this spring, sowed 20 acres of oats on the snow. And he has the promise of a fine crop, too.

E. Marvin and son, Vinton, southeast of Mexico, have 50 acres of corn which they have plowed over twice. It is one of the finest prospects in that section, it is said.

W. C. Melahn, north of Rush Hill, lost 80 acres of young corn recently, taken by the cutworms. He lost 20 acres of corn just before that, taken in the same way. The season is so late that he will not replant. It is quite a serious loss to Mr. Melahn.

The man that sells hay off his farm not only runs the risk of having to buy at fabulous prices when there is a crop failure, but robs the ground of nutriment that it will take many dollars to replace. It is bad farming to starve the soil.

J. W. Holloway, of Skidner, sold a car load of cattle, his own feeding, to McGinnis last week. Weighed up Saturday, at \$8.25, cattle weighing 1,300 pounds. They were bought on the Omaha market last fall and laid down here at \$5.11, weighing 885 pounds each.

J. R. Brown and T. M. Hodge, of Centralia, had a drove of fat cattle on the St. Louis market last week, averaging 1,005 each bringing \$9.25, the highest price, it is said, ever obtained on the market at the National at this season of the year. The cattle were fed by Charles Turner, of the west part of the county.

### EAST HALLSVILLE.

A good deal of rain and cool weather now.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Durk of Sturgeon visited relatives in this vicinity Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Leach Allen of Thompson attended services at Murry Chapel Saturday night and Sunday.

Loren Prentice and Jesse Durk made a business trip to Centralia Saturday.

Wm. Kitzge of Columbia visited homefolks here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Gibbs Gentry has been very poorly, but is able to be about again.

Mrs. Henry is spending a few days with Mrs. Gentry.

C. W. Andrews of Woodlandville visited relatives in this vicinity a few days this week.

Odie Allen and family visited at T. F. Allen's Tuesday.

Harry Jung is ill.

### LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Record Prices for Cattle—Hog Values Strong—Sheep, Higher.

National Stock Yards, Ill., June 18, 1912.—Cattle receipts 5500. About half were Texans. Trade ruled active at the prices paid yesterday. Compared with last Friday, strictly choice steers are 10 to 15c lower, while balance of the steers and all classes of butcher stuff are 25c lower. Since our last report, \$9.25 was paid for steers while we sold some light steers and heifers at \$8.85. These are records at this market.

Hog receipts 9000. This branch of the trade was in more active condition and values strong. Top \$7.50, with bulk of the hogs \$7.25 to \$7.40.

Sheep receipts 3000. Good to choice sheep and lambs found buyers favor today. Lambs were 15 to 25c higher with a \$9.00 top, which was made by the "National." Fat sheep steady, at \$4.00 to \$4.25.

National Live Stock Com. Co.

### Highest Since the War.

The following dispatch appeared in yesterday's St. Louis Republic:

Montgomery City, Mo., June 18.—What is said to be the highest price for fat cattle since the Civil War in this locality has just been paid by E. J. Shobe of Laddonia, near here. He bought 34 head from Milt Householder of near Mexico, weighing 1,350 pounds, at \$8.50 per cwt. The cattle brought \$115 each.

### WEST DULY.

Plenty of rain, but much better than the dry and hot weather we had last year.

Sorry to hear of Mr. and Mrs. Don Carlos' death. They were from this vicinity and have many friends here.

R. M. Dakin and wife and niece, Miss Lipscomb, are home from Green Top, Mo., where they visited Mr. Dakin's sister, Mrs. McKichen.

Children's Day at Sunrise next Sunday. Everybody invited. We are supposed to have present a Chinaman who has been at the Bible School at Columbia, but don't know for sure, but come anyway.

Maye Powell and Sunday school class are to have a picnic Wednesday if it doesn't rain.

Charlie Clapper has lost two good mares, twin colts, and had a mule get its neck broken. The mule belonged to Jim Lewis.

### LADDONIA ITEMS.

Laddonia and vicinity has been having plenty of rain for several days. A very heavy and destructive hail fell around and in Perry Saturday evening. Ruined wheat and badly injured the oats. The corn it is thought will grow out. Also ruined gardens and broke out window lights.

Mrs. John Pate lost a good mare and fine mule by lightning Saturday.

P. P. Hummel and family are visiting with his mother and family, Mrs. Beavers, near Center.

Word was received here Sunday of the sudden death of Wm. Miller of Wellsville. He used to manage the lumber yard here and had a host of friends here who were sorry to hear of his death.

Mrs. John Yost spent Sunday with her brother, Harry Gallo-way and family, north of town.

Mrs. A. B. Shattuck and little sons of Vandalia are visiting her mother here, Mrs. I. J. N. Smith.

Mrs. Opie Beal was quite sick first of the week.

C. C. Ingram and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives near Perry.

Mr. Jesse Arnold, a progressive farmer and stockman of Marshall Mo., shipped live stock to St. Louis last week and while on his way visited the family of Justin White, southeast of Mexico.

### THE BATTLE AT CHICAGO.

The Taft and Roosevelt Forces Are Fighting.

Chicago, Ill., June 18.—President Taft's chances of renomination were vastly increased this evening when, after six hours of hard fighting, Senator Elihu Root of New York, was elected temporary chairman by the Republican National Convention.

The Taft delegates voted for Root. The Roosevelt delegates supported Gov. Francis E. McGovern of Wisconsin.

The resulting roll call was a direct test of the strength between the Roosevelt and Taft forces. It resulted in a decisive victory for the Taft men. Root received 558 votes and McGovern 502.

This accounted for 1,060 of the 1,078 delegates in the convention. Of the remainder three voted for Walter L. Hanson of Wisconsin, nine voted for W. S. Lawder of North Dakota, one for Senator Gromma of North Dakota, while five either were absent or deliberately refused to vote.

The vote on Root and McGovern is considered of the highest importance, as foreshadowing the outcome of the convention. It makes Taft's renomination, not a certainty, but a strong probability, instead of the grave uncertainty it was last night.

In addition, today's tally sheet is believed to show conclusively that no matter what else happens here, Theodore Roosevelt will not be nominated, but the possibility of a deadlock and reversion to some third candidate, perhaps Cummins of Iowa, probably Justice Hughes of New York, is increased.

In order to be renominated President Taft must poll 540 votes in the convention. Root, running as Taft's personal selection for temporary chairman, received 18 more votes than Taft will need.

There are reasons for thinking Root received a few votes Taft will not get when the critical ballot on the nomination for President is taken. Taft leaders on the other hand, claim they will obtain new support from delegates who voted otherwise than for Root.

Impartially speaking, it does not seem likely Taft will fall lower than Root, but he may do so.

However, it is certain Roosevelt on the vote for nomination will not get all the delegates who supported McGovern.

In McGovern's total are included 13 votes from Wisconsin and 10 from Iowa which, when the crisis comes, must be cast respectively for Senator La Follette of Wisconsin and Senator Cummins of Iowa.

The "steam roller" is still in good working order, so good that the sensational third-term campaign of Col. Roosevelt seems to be crushed beyond hope of resurrection, but whether, having T. R., the "roller" will complete its allotted task and bring home the bacon for Taft is a totally different proposition.


### You Can Almost

See the grass grow—so plentiful has been the rain. If you haven't already done so, don't fail to get an ILL mower (the easy kind to push) and keep the grass mowed.

Ferris & Cauthorn.

Work was commenced last week on Mexico's new \$80,000 government building. It is thought the building cannot be completed before next spring, the work continuing from now on, however.

Wm. Miller, manager of the LaCrosse Lumber Co. in Wellsville, died suddenly last Saturday night of heart disease. F. P. Kelso, manager of the LaCrosse yard in this city, attended the funeral.

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